**Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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*\* All who are able please stand L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude Accompanist: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: You, O God, know our hearts.
**P: Guide our hearts, O God.**L: You, O God, see our ways.
**P: Shape our ways, O God.**L: You, O God, call our spirits.
**P: Call us now, O God, as we call on You.**

\*HYMN: “Lord, I Want to be a Christian” B454/Projected

\*INVOCATION

**ALL: Happy are we, O God, when our hearts are full, our ways are Yours, our spirits enlivened by Your call. Happy are we, O God, when our lives are guided by delight. We gather here today for just that, holy God. We gather to draw on all You would give us to be more fully yours. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

RESPONSE & INVITATION: “Alleluia” by Jerry Sinclair

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,**

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 1

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Happy are those who turn away from the counsel of the wicked. But oh, that counsel can be so seductive – it draws us in, holds us fast, distracts our priorities, obstructs our capacity to love. But we seek no obstructions, we reject wicked counsel. We embrace God’s embrace. For whatever ways we don’t, we confess. In whichever ways we sin, we repent. Hear our prayers, O God, as, before You, we seek wholeness. Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness: We are sorry for so much – for words we cannot bear to say for memories we cannot bear to relive for thoughts we cannot bear to admit. But You know our hearts.
Relieve us of our burdens; bind our hearts not to the unbearable but rather, to You so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of Your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God. Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God’s word, in the name of Jesus your sins are forgiven.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace [Due to safety issues, Rev. Mundell will give a blessing]

WITNESS OF FAITH: I Thessalonians 2:1-8

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:34-46

LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN

 Animated Telling of the Gospel Story with finger puppets

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: A New Creed Projected

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

**I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s Grace**

 **I can hear the brush of angel’s wings**

 **I see glory on each face**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “The Gift of Love”

 Pete & Kathy Schieler, David & Denise Thompson

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN: “Jesus Loves Me” with Chris Tomlin Projected

MEDITATION: “Love with All” Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” B290/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering plates are placed by each of the entrances for safety reasons.]

L: Anyone who has ever loved knows that to love is to give – to give from the place we feel it most. This giving may be sacrificial, but the sacrifice is compromised if it cannot be done joyfully. May we join together in the delight of giving?

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, You heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**ALL: With what You see before us, God, we demonstrate our deepest love. Receive our gifts – our very best – as sweet offerings before You. May they be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION: “Go Now in Peace”

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

\*Postlude